

In the Knowledge of HIM

Getting Reacquainted with Jesus (Ephesians 1:17)

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Jesus the Alpha

Revelation 1:7-8

*Jesus introduces Himself to the churches as Alpha, the Beginning. He uses the first letter of the alphabet to show His “firstness,” His preeminence in all things. Not only was He there **IN** the beginning, but He **IS** the Beginning. All things flow from the Alpha. He is the Origin, the Starting Point, the Source of all that is. How encouraging to know that whenever we get off track, we can always go back to the Beginning!*

When I lose sight of my PURPOSE...

*...I can always go back to the Beginning! There are so many things to distract us from our purpose and pull us into lives of grand, happy, comfortable ___significance. When the vanity of it all settles in, Jesus the Alpha is the place to start fresh. **John 1:3** says that all things were made by Him, and where there’s a Maker, there’s a _____!*

When I get cut off from my POWER...

*...I can always go back to the Beginning! When you hit a losing streak in life, remember what your victory really is: your overcoming power is your _____ (**I John 5:4-5**). And remember where it comes from: Jesus is the _____ of it (**Hebrews 12:2**). When your ways aren’t working, get back to the basics of Christ’s character and start a new winning streak!*

When I wander out of my PLACE...

*...I can always go back to the Beginning! God is a God of order (**I Corinthians 14:33**); His arrangement is always going to be the best of all possibilities. It is only when we step outside of the divine order that we invite _____ and _____. When we find ourselves out of place, we need to go back to the Chief Cornerstone (**Ephesians 2:20**) and make sure that our lives are built correctly around Him.*